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Obituaries**Frank C. Wisner**

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Frank Gardiner Wisner, 56, of 3327 P-st nw, a top CIA official from 1948 thru 1962, was found dead yesterday at his country home in Kent County, Md. Mr. Wisner had been in ill health for some time. A shotgun was found near the body and police said they suspect nothing suspicious.

Mr. Wisner, credited with founding the CIA's covert operations branch, was born in Laurel, Miss., graduated from the University of Virginia and served with the OSS during World War II.

He joined the CIA after the war. Retired CIA Director Allen Dulles, when informed of Mr. Wisner's death, said: "He was a very good friend, a man I admired very much and knew very well for many years."

Mr. Wisner leaves his wife, Mary, three sons and a daughter.

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